

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Hydrocarbon solids are removed from an oil well by feeding into the oil well a composition comprising at least 40 vol.% dense phase carbon dioxide and at least 30 vol.% of a $C_1 - C_3$ alkanol component and optionally one or more surfactants, under a pressure of 300 to 10,000 psia and a temperature of 90°F to 120°F, holding the composition in the well to solubilize hydrocarbon solids, and then removing from the well a liquid composition comprising solubilized hydrocarbon solids and alkanol.